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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim [[1]]

13, in which the safety line gripping means includes a swaged element attached at the end of

the safety line.

4. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim 1, in

which the safety line gripping means includes an attachment means [[for a]] includes a means

for releasably attaching the further safety line to be releasably attached to the assembly.

5. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assemble according to claim [[1]]

13, in which the safety line gripping means includes a swaged element attached at the end of

the safety line and in which the attachment means comprises an external screw thread on the

swaged element.

6. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim [[1]]

13, in which the safety line gripping means comprises a tube through which the safety line

passes.

7. (Original) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim 6, in which the

connector arm is linked to the tube.

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8. (Previously Presented) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim 6, in which the safety line gripping means includes a swaged element attached to the end of the safety line, in which the safety line gripping means also includes a tube through which the safety line passes, and in which the swaged element is attached to the safety line below the tube.

9. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim [[1]] 13, in which the tensioning means comprises a rod having an externally threaded section and linked to the connector arm means and a nut on the externally threaded section, the nut being arranged to bear against a downwardly facing surface of the bracket.

10. (Original) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim 9, in which the bracket includes a tubular section and the rod is located at least partially within the tubular section.

11. (Currently Amended) A bottom anchor assembly according to claim [[1]] 13, and further comprising indicator means for providing a visible indication of when said predetermined tension has been achieved.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) A bottom anchor assembly for anchoring a substantially vertically-oriented elongate safety line to a structure, the anchor assembly comprising safety line gripping means for gripping the safety line, tensioning means that is spaced from the gripping means and that is operable to adjust the safety line tension; bracket means for mounting the tension means on the structure; connector arm means that links the gripping means and the tensioning means; and an attachment means for attaching a further length of safety line below the gripping means and coaxially with the safety line gripped by the gripping means to permit a safety line traveller to pass from the further length of safety line attached

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below the safety line gripping means, over the safety line gripping means and on to the safety line above the gripping means.

14. (New) A bottom anchor assembly for anchoring a substantially vertically-oriented elongate safety line to a structure, the anchor assembly comprising safety line gripping means, tensioning means that is spaced from the gripping means transversely to the longitudinal direction of the safety line and that adjusts the safety line tension; connector arm means that links the gripping means and tensioning means; bracket means that is located at a side of the tensioning means and that mounts the tensioning means on the structure outwardly therefrom in a direction transverse to the longitudinal direction of the safety line orientation.